

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 10 March 1977 OTR Staff Meeting

4. Concerning communications within the Directorate, the group felt that the word travels pretty well up and down the line with various mechanisms--staff meetings, conferences, etc.--facilitating it. They identified the problem of indistinct requests which come down and result in over-reporting and off-target reporting; this is compounded by the apparent reluctance of the Deputy Directors to go back for clarification of such requests. The group also questioned the utility of the MAG's. On the subject of creativity and controls, the group was split as to whether there was more creativity in existence in the Agency today than five years ago. They did agree, however, that there was a decreased "excitement" in working for the Agency today. Chief, [REDACTED] added that some people at the conference believed that the wrong people were being sent to certain courses. The problem of inability to get the right people into the prestige courses which are over-subscribed was also discussed.

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5. The Secretary briefly discussed the revision of [REDACTED]. He noted that procedures for handling requests for Agency speakers to nongovernmental groups had been incorporated into a new regulation [REDACTED]. He also pointed out the specific procedures stipulated in [REDACTED] for responding to requests from government organizations.

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6. The members discussed items on the OTR pending actions list and changed the action officer on one item. [REDACTED] provided a clarification of the President's order concerning filling only 75 percent of existing vacancies. The DTR requested each member to review the procedures for preparing and handling fitness reports. He also discussed his visit to the new FSI Consulate General Rosslyn training facility. He described how the facility is organized and the training methods employed.

7. The DTR reported significant items from the DDA's morning meeting. The members reported on the day's events.

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OTR STAFF MEETING

Thursday, 10 March 1977, 1400 Hours

AGENDA

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1. Results of the DDA Division Chiefs Conference



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2. [REDACTED] Requests for Agency
Officials as Guest Speakers

3. OTR Pending Actions

4. The Day's Events